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REMARKS:

Remarks About The Amendments and Written Statement As To Substance of Interview:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of the noted claims. Applicants concur with the Examiner's statement as to the substance of interview prepared regarding a February 28, 2007 telephone interview with the undersigned attorney.

Applicants have amended claims 2-5, 9 and 10 to depend from claim 29, rather than claim 1, which was cancelled by the Examiner. In addition, Applicants have added a "," to claim 29 to improve the clarity and form thereof. Finally, Applicants have amended claim 11 to further recite "third and fourth corresponding adhesive properties" so as to avoid any confusion about whether the first and second adhesive properties include basis weights and/or peel strengths.

All of these amendments are clerical or formal in nature and do not require any additional search or examination efforts. These amendments were necessitated by the Examiner's Amendment and were therefore not presented earlier (see MPEP 714.16(a)). For all of these reasons, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments.

Comments On Statement of Reasons For Allowance:

The Examiner states in the reasons for allowance that the prior art does not disclose or suggest "first and second corresponding adhesive properties" having "different values or basis weights" (Office Action at 2), "first and second adhesive regions obtained by using first and second adhesives having first and second corresponding adhesive properties and first and second corresponding basis weight" (Office Action at 3), or "first and second adhesive properties [having] different values and different basis weight" (Office Action at 3). Applicants would like to

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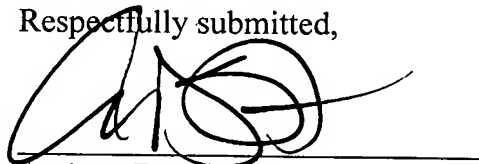
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clarify that claim 29, as amended, recites that the "first and second corresponding adhesive properties of said first and second adhesive regions comprise first and second adhesive basis weights respectively."

Accordingly, claim 29 reads on an absorbent garment having first and second adhesive regions with first and second basis weights. Claim 29 does *not* require, and is not limited to, an absorbent garment configured with first and second adhesive regions having first and second basis weights *and* an additional adhesive property *other* than basis weights. Indeed, such other adhesive properties, including for example peel strength, are recited for example in claim 11. The undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to initiate an interview should the Examiner disagree with Applicants' statements about the scope of the claims.

For all of the reasons set forth above, Applicants submit that the amendment after allowance should be entered. Any questions concerning this Amendment should be directed to the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4713.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Stover', is written over a horizontal line.

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